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ABSTRACT

This directory contains brief descriptions and contact information for organizations, agencies, and publications related to rural education. Mindful of the wide variety of issues impacting rural schools and related information needs, the directory includes national associations, research and training centers, health organizations, publishers, federal programs, and colleges and universities, as well as rural development councils, extension offices, and data centers in most states. Section 1 contains international, national, and multistate nongovernmental organizations, including 36 organizations concerned with advocacy, networking, or reform, and 30 concerned with research, development, technical assistance, or training. Section 2 covers federal agencies and programs: the 4 regional rural development centers and 9 other agencies or programs of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; the 10 regional educational laboratories, 7 regional resource centers, 11 regional technology in education consortia, and 11 other agencies and programs of the U.S. Department of Education; 4 other federal rural programs; and 14 sites of the National Science Foundation's Rural Systemic Initiative. Section 3 presents 28 journals, newsletters, and magazines concerned with rural matters. Section 4 lists organizations, programs, and services for each state, as well as U.S. territories and Canadian provinces. (Contains an index.) (SV)

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PREFACE

This directory reflects the growing realization that the care and nurture of rural schools requires the involvement of a much broader community than the usual suspects. Efforts to strengthen the role of rural schools in the overall renewal of rural communities depends on expertise and insights from a variety of perspectives. For example, what work skills will rural youth need to help build vigorous local economies? What cultural knowledge will they need to celebrate and build on the heritage of their forebearers? What environmental knowledge will they need to help assure that economies and ecosystems are sustainable for the long term? What social knowledge will they need to create civic organizations and governing processes that promote equity and democratic leadership?

Mindful of these and other issues impacting rural schools, the directory includes a variety of national associations, research and training centers, health organizations, publishers, federal programs, and colleges and universities. We have also included information on state rural development councils, extension offices, and data centers.

We should note that we have published the information that was provided to us by organizations; we have no way of checking the accuracy of the information nor should any of the information be read as an endorsement by the ERIC Clearinghouse on Rural Education and Small Schools (ERIC/CRESS), AEL, or the U.S. Department of Education. We will update this directory as we learn about new organizations and changes in the information shown here. If you think your organization should be included, or if your organization is already included but the information has changed, we hope you will contact us (ericrc@ael.org).

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SECTION 1
International, National, and Multistate Nongovernmental Organizations

1.1 ADVOCACY, NETWORKING, AND REFORM

American Association of School Administrators
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karfstrom@aasa.org
http://www.aasa.org

An advisory committee on rural/small school issues links small districts across the nation and serves as a national voice on issues impacting small school districts. Brings issues to the attention of national organizations, federal officials, and members of Congress. Continuously develops national projects for rural/small school leaders. Hosts the *Rural Education Electronic Newsletter*.

American Association of State Colleges and Universities
1307 New York Ave., 5th Fl.
Washington, DC 20005
Kathleen Cullinan
202-293-7070
Fax: 202-296-5819
http://www.aascu.org

Membership includes more than 425 public colleges, universities, and systems of public higher education throughout the United States and its territories. Over a third of member institutions are located in rural areas or serve rural populations. Sponsors a commission that maintains a rural focus. Monitors and advocates for federal legislation to benefit rural areas.

American Council on Rural Special Education
Kansas State University
2323 Anderson Ave., Ste. 226
Manhattan, KS 66502
Judy Weyrauch
785-532-2737
Fax: 785-532-7732
acres@ksu.edu
http://www.ksu.edu/acres
Area Served: Rural United States

Provides leadership and support to improve services for individuals with exceptional needs, their families, the professionals who work with them, and the rural communities in which they live. Promotes national recognition for rural special education, health, and human services.

American Educational Research Association
Western Carolina University
108 Killian
University of Pittsburgh
Cullowhee, NC 28723
Mary Jean Herzog, secretary-treasurer
828-227-7415
Fax: mherzog@wcu.edu
http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~howleyc/index.htm

Rural Education Special Interest Group encourages educational research relative to rural schools and people. Sponsors a newsletter, listserv, and Web site. Prospective special interest group (SIG) members must be members of AERA.

Appalachian Teachers' Network
P.O. Box 7014, RU
Radford, VA 24142
Jim Minick
540-831-5179
Fax: jiminick@runet.edu

Sponsors an annual conference for teachers interested in incorporating Appalachian studies into their classrooms. Focuses on Appalachian literature, history, folklore, sciences, music, Native American and African American heritage, Hispanics in the mountains, storytellings, and more. Publishes annual newsletter, *Stitches*.

Association of Educational Service Agencies
1801 Moore St.
Arlington, VA 22209
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aesa@aasa.org
http://www.aaesa.org

Represents over 500 educational service agencies throughout the United States, and serves as a voice for educational service agencies at the federal level. Supports its members in the areas of learning, technical assistance, research, and advocacy. Educational service agencies partner with rural school districts throughout the United States.

Canadian Education Association
317 Adelaide St., W., Ste. 300
Toronto, ON M5V 1P9
Canada
416-591-6300
Fax: 416-591-5345
cea-ace@acea.ca
http://www.acea.ca

Promotes the improvement of education and assists the educational community by providing opportunities to study and by stimulating dialogue on issues of common interest. Shares ideas, experiences, and information. Establishes and maintains linkages with government bodies, nongovernmental agencies, and individuals. Analyzes trends through research and participates in learning activities.

Community Development Society
1123 N. Water St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202
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Fax: 414-276-7704
cole@svinicki.com
http://www.comm-dev.org
Area Served: International

Professional association for community development practitioners and citizen leaders around the world. Members represent a variety of fields: education, health care, social services, government, utilities, economic development practitioners, citizen groups, and more. Web site features many resources and large collection of links to community development resources on the Web. Also gives some attention to rural and urban issues.

Consortium of Higher Education, Rural Program Administrators
National Rural Education Association
Colorado State University
246 Education Bldg.
Fort Collins, CO 80523
Joseph Newlin
970-491-7022
Fax: 970-491-1317
jnewlin@lamar.colostate.edu
http://www.colostate.edu/orgs/NREA

Conducts projects, outreach programs, research, staff development, and other special events and activities that contribute to the improvement of practice in rural education. Members include directors of centers, regional educational laboratory program directors, and other leaders of rural education programs.

Council of Chief State School Officers
One Massachusetts Ave., NW, Ste. 700
Washington, DC 20001
Gordon Ambach, executive director
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info@ccsso.org
http://www.ccsso.org

Nationwide, nonprofit organization composed of public officials who lead the departments responsible for elementary and secondary education in the states, the U.S. extra-state jurisdictions, District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity. Strengthens state leadership in ensuring that students in high-poverty schools gain the knowledge and skills necessary for sustained success.

Council of State Community Development Agencies
National Rural Development Council
Hall of the States
444 N. Capitol St., Ste. 224
Washington, DC 20001
David Sears, director
202-624-3630
Fax: 202-624-3639
http://www.coscda.org

Dedicated to strengthening rural America through collaborative partnerships. Made up of representatives of federal departments/agencies, public interest groups, Native American tribes, and other national organizations. Five major components

make up its strategic plan: increasing funding; marketing; increasing the number of state rural development councils (see separate listings this directory); creating an information network; and assessing accomplishments.

Education Commission of the States
707 17th St., Ste. 2700
Denver, CO 80202
Todd Zebarth
303-299-3652
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ecs@ecs.org
http://www.ecs.org

A national, nonprofit organization that helps governors, legislators, state education officials and others identify, develop and implement policies to improve student learning at all levels. Has many rural resources.

Foundation for Rural Service
National Telephone Cooperative Association
4121 Wilson Blvd., 10th Fl.
Arlington, VA 22203
Aaryn Slafky, public affairs manager
703-351-2000
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pubrelations@ntca.org
http://www.ntca.org

Represents more than 500 small and rural telephone cooperatives and commercial companies. Offers a broad range of benefits to its members, including educational services, publications, and national and regional meetings. Activities include sponsoring a Youth Tour, which brings rural high school students to the nation's capitol, and a college scholarship program. Publishes *Rural Telecommunications*. For more information about *Rural Telecommunications*, call 703-351-2083.

National Association of Agricultural Educators
1410 King St., Ste. 400
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-838-5885
800-772-0939
Fax: 703-838-5888
naae@teamaged.org
http://www.naae.org

Seeks to advance agricultural education and promote the professional interests and growth of agricultural teachers as well as recruit and prepare students who have a desire to teach agriculture. Monitors governmental affairs affecting agricultural education and assists in the development of priorities and strategies to affect federal legislation and appropriations.

National Association of Counties
440 First St., NW, Ste. 800
Washington, DC 20001
Tom Goodman, director of public affairs
202-393-6226
Fax: 202-393-2630
tgoodman@naco.org
http://www.naco.org

The only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Provides extensive services including legislative, research, technical, and public affairs assistance to its members. Acts as a liaison with other levels of government and works to improve public understanding of counties. Serves as a national advocate for counties and provides them with the resources to help them find innovative methods to meet challenges they face.

National Association of Rural Health Clinics
426 C St., NE
Washington, DC 20002
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info@narhc.org
http://www.narhc.org

Dedicated to improving the delivery of quality, cost-effective health care in rural, under-served areas through the promotion, expansion, and protection of the rural health clinics program. Encourages and stabilizes the provision of out-patient primary care in under-served areas. Provides representation in Washington, DC. Publishes a newsletter that reports on changes in rural health clinic programs, and provides educational programs and networking opportunities.

National Association of Secondary School Principals
1904 Association Dr.
Reston, VA 20191
Gerald Tirozzi, executive director
703-860-0200
Fax: 703-476-5432

rahme@nassp.org
http://www.nassp.org

Committed to the support of principals, assistant principals, and other middle and high school leaders. Recognizes that technological, social, and political changes in the world affect how youth are educated and provides the professional resources for these leaders to be visionary change agents, collaborators within the school community, and risk takers.

National Association of State Boards of Education
277 S. Washington St., Ste. 100
Alexandria, VA 22314
Brenda L. Welburn, executive director
703-684-4000
Fax: 703-836-2313
boards@nasbe.org
http://www.nasbe.org

Nonprofit, private association that represents state and territorial boards of education. Strengthens state leadership in educational policymaking; promotes excellence in the education of all students, advocating equality of access to educational opportunity; and assures continued citizen support for public education. Web site provides latest information about state education policy and practice.

National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Institutions
1307 New York Ave., NW, Ste. 400
Washington, DC 20005
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202-478-6060
Fax: 202-478-6061
http://www.nasulgc.org

Voluntary association of 206 public research universities, land-grant institutions, and state university systems located in all states and U.S. territories. Dedicated to supporting excellence in teaching, research, and public service.

National Center for Small Communities
444 N. Capitol St., NW, Ste. 208
Washington, DC 20001
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ncsc@sso.org
http://www.natat.org

A national, non-profit organization devoted exclusively to serving the leaders of America's smaller communities. Provides small town decision makers with the tools to govern effectively and the skills to expand local economies, protect natural resources, and preserve community character.

National Conference of State Legislators
444 N. Capitol St., NW, Ste. 515
Washington, DC 20001
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info@ncsl.org
http://www.ncsl.org

Improves the quality and effectiveness of state legislatures; fosters interstate communication and cooperation; and ensures legislatures a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system. Tracks legislative developments related to education in the 50 states. School finance, class size, and school safety are prominently featured concerns.

National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
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http://www.ncfc.org

Association of cooperative businesses owned and controlled by farmers. Membership includes nearly 100 major farm marketing and supply cooperatives the banks of Farm Credit System, plus 30 state councils of cooperatives. Annually sponsors the National Institute on Cooperative Education. Offers programs such as the Washington Conference for Teachers and Employees. Information about educational programs, scholarships, publications, and training programs may be obtained from the Internet home page.

National Farmers Union
11900 E. Cornell Ave.
Aurora, CO 80014
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303-337-5500
800-347-1961
Fax: 303-368-1390
NFU.Denver@nfu.org

http://www.nfu.org

Works on a broad scope of quality-of-life issues ranging from farm income to rural education, health care, and the environment. Provides legislative representation, information and expertise on cooperative development and information on issues of concern to its members. Produces a monthly publication, *NFU News*.

National Grange

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Washington, DC 20006
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http://www.nationalgrange.org

Works toward the following goals: urging Congress to provide increased federal funding for rural education, including tax incentives to promote federal/state partnerships for renovating rural schools; allocation of state dollars for better teacher salaries and benefits; and federal guaranteed student loans, grants, and work-study programs to strengthen public schools.

National Rural Development Partnership

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Washington, DC 20250
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david.sears@usda.gov
http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/nrdp

Works to strengthen rural communities through collaboration partnerships among federal, state, local, and tribal governments, as well as private for-profit and nonprofit sectors. Fosters communication, collaboration, and cooperation among organizations (including education) working to make a difference in rural America. Works in collaboration with State Rural Development Councils (see listings in this directory).

National Rural Education Association
Colorado State University

246 Education Bldg., Colorado State University
Fort Collins, CO 80523
Joseph Newlin, director
970-491-7022
Fax: 970-491-1317
http://www.colostate.edu/Orgs/NREA

Established in 1907, NREA is the oldest unified voice for rural education in America. Membership includes rural school teachers and administrators, university faculty, regional and intermediate service agencies personnel, and federal and state government administrators. Holds an annual national conference and publishes *The Rural Educator* and *NREA News* (see separate entries this directory). Also copublishes periodic reports and resource materials in cooperation with the ERIC Clearinghouse on Rural Education and Small Schools, OERI, and other agencies.

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

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nreca@nreca.org
http://www.nreca.org

National service organization dedicated to representing the national interests of consumer-owned cooperative electric utilities and the consumers they serve. Offers education and training programs for cooperative directors, managers, and employees; collaborative research to enhance cooperatives' use of technology and insurance, employee benefits and financial services; and technical advice and electrification assistance in developing countries around the world. Publishes *Rural Electrification Magazine*.

National Rural Health Association

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Kansas City, MO 64111
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816-756-3140
Fax: 816-756-3144
mail@NRHArural.org
http://www.NRHArural.org

A nonprofit association of individual and organizational members who share a common interest in rural health and related areas of economic development and education. Provides leadership for improving the health of rural communities and health care of rural Americans through advocacy, communications, education, and research. Publishes a variety of publications and periodicals for rural practitioners, educators, researchers, and community leaders.

Organizations Concerned About Rural Education
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Washington, DC 20036
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conrad@chesapeake.net
http://www.ruralschools.org/

Explores ways in which the membership can organize comprehensive and cohesive policies and programs to address the needs of rural education, especially as it relates to a broader program for the improvement of rural economic development. Provides a forum in which member organizations can discuss the issues of rural education and development. A coalition of diverse organizations that care about rural education in America.

Poverty and Race Research Action Council
3000 Connecticut Ave., NW #200
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info@prrac.org
http://www.prrac.org

Established in 1990 by civil rights, antipoverty, and legal services groups. Networks researchers and activists working at the intersection of race and poverty; funds and commissions research projects that directly support advocacy work (i.e. litigation, legislation, community organizing, and public education); and rethinks effective antiracism and antipoverty strategies to assist other researchers, advocates, and funders. Sample copy of bimonthly journal, *Poverty & Race*, available upon request.

National School Boards Association
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Alexandria, VA 22314
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http://www.nsba.org/na

Rural and Small District Forum provides programs, services, and benefits for school leaders from districts in rural settings and small towns and intermediate or county units that serve mostly rural populations. Has special sessions during the NSBA annual convention and a facilitated e-mail discussion group designed especially for rural board members. Only school systems--not individuals--can belong to the Forum.

Rural Community College Initiative
MDC, Inc.
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Chapel Hill, NC 27516
Annette Taylor
919-968-4531
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ataylor@mdcinc.org
http://www.mdcinc.org/rcci/

National demonstration project of community colleges in economically distressed regions. Supports aggressive and creative efforts to increase jobs, income, and access to education in rural communities. Aims to enhance the capacity of rural community colleges to provide economic leadership for their regions and serve as agents for community development. Helps reduce the isolation of rural colleges by building a national network of diverse colleges with common challenges.

Rural School and Community Trust
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Washington, DC 20006
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info@ruraledu.org
http://www.ruraledu.org

Nonprofit organization dedicated to enlarging student learning and improving community life by strengthening relationships between rural schools and communities and engaging students in community-based public work. Pursues advocacy, research, and outreach activities to create a more favorable environment for rural schooling, for student work with a public audience and use, and for more active community participation in schooling. Founded as the Annenberg Rural Challenge in 1995, today works with over 700 rural elementary and secondary schools in 35 states. Publishes research reports and two newsletters, *Rural Policy Matters* and *Rural Roots* (see separate entries), which are available in print or online.

Rural Sociological Society
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http://www.ruralsociology.org

Promotes the development of rural sociology through teaching, research, and extension. Publishes the quarterly journal *Rural Sociology* (see separate entry), a newsletter for members, and books.

Society for the Provision of Education in Rural Australia
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Australia
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king@usq.edu.au
http://www.pa.ash.org.au/spera

Links people with a diverse range of interests in education and training to promote the development of rural Australia. Promotes a positive view of education in rural areas and encourages innovation and initiative in the provision of rural education services. Supports and encourages rural communities and educators to work towards the provision of quality education and training. Holds an annual conference. Publishes a newsletter and the semiannual journal *Education in Rural Australia.*

Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF)
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1211 Geneva 1
Switzerland
Elly Pradervand, founder/executive director
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Fax: 41 22 738.82.48
wwsf@iprolink.ch
http://www.woman.ch

International, nonprofit organization committed to a new development paradigm for women and children. Advocates for women's and children's rights at UN summits and international conferences. Sponsors annual award Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life and annual organization of World Rural Women's Day Campaign. Publishes a global newsletter *Empowering Women and Children.* Annual Membership $30.

1.2 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND TRAINING

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Washington, DC 20036-113
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Area Served: United States

Demonstrates that enduring human, institutional, natural, and financial assets can be developed in rural communities in the United States, specifically by engaging and developing the capacity and role of statewide and regional community foundations in rural community economic development. Offers lessons and guidance to the community foundation and rural development fields, with the expectation that they will discover each other, work together, and so improve economic prospects for rural America and all its people.

Bread Loaf School of English
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http://www.blse.middlebury.edu/

Offers summer graduate programs for English teachers in Vermont; Oxford, England; New Mexico; and Alaska. Full scholarships are available for rural teachers from certain states. Maintains BreadNet, a national computer network that links the classrooms of Bread Loaf teachers and carries ongoing conferences. Publishes the *Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network Magazine* twice a year.

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Area Served: Appalachia

Supports scholarly research, artistic endeavors, and educational activities focused on Appalachia. Holds rural-related manuscripts, photographs, and recordings; regional books; and artifacts related to life in southern Appalachia. Currently compiling the *Encyclopedia of Appalachia*. Publishes *Now & Then: The Appalachian Magazine* (see separate entry).

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Walthill, NE 68067
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http://www.cfra.org

Committed to building rural communities that stand for social justice, economic opportunity, and environmental stewardship. Encourages people to accept both personal and social responsibility for creating such communities. Engages in research, education, advocacy, and service work to further this vision of rural America. Publishes a monthly newsletter.

Center for Rural Education and Small Schools
College of Education
Kansas State University
007 Bluemont Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506
Robert C. Newhouse
785-532-6361
Fax: 785-532-7304
http://www2.educ.ksu.edu/Organizations/CRESS

Coordinates and conducts research and development activities focused on rural and small schools. Maintains cooperative relationships with other rural education organizations. Establishes training programs, workshops, and seminars that relate to rural education and the needs of rural educators. Holds an annual conference.

Center for the Study of Rural America
Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
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Fax: mdrabenstott@frbkc.org
http://www.kc.frb.org/RuralCenter/RuralMain.htm

Tracks the farm and rural economies. Provides in-depth objective analyses of economic and policy issues key to rural America's future. Publishes monthly newsletter *Main Street Economist*, available online at Web site.

Center for the Study of Small/Rural Schools
College of Continuing Education
University of Oklahoma
555 E. Constitution, Rm. 211
Norman, OK 73072
Loretta G. Schmidt, director
405-325-1450
Fax: 405-325-1981
jcsimmons@ou.edu or lsch2115@aol.com
http://tel.occe.ou.edu/cssrs.html

NREA-endorsed research center that uses a multifaceted approach to assist small and rural schools. Conducts workshops, training programs, surveys, and needs assessments. Delivers staff development programs to rural schools via satellite telecast or videotape. Holds the annual National Conference on Creating the Quality School.

Center for TeleLearning & Rural Education
Memorial University of Newfoundland
G.A. Hickman Bldg.
St. John's, NF A1B 3X8
Canada
Ken Stevens, chair
709-737-4847
Fax: 709-737-8582
http://tellearn.mun.ca

Builds on the existing strengths in distance education. Responsible for coordinating research and development initiatives in telelearning in rural schools in Newfoundland and Labrador of benefit to other provinces and countries.

Foxfire Fund, Inc.
P.O. Box 541
Mountain City, GA 30562
Christy Stevens
706-746-5828
Fax: 706-746-5829
foxfire@foxfire.org
http://www.foxfire.org

Teaches, models, and refines an active, learner-centered approach to education that is academically sound and promotes continuous interaction between students and their communities. Provides support to teachers using the Foxfire model via the Foxfire Teacher Network. Publishes *The Active Learner: A Foxfire Journal for Teachers* 3 times a year and a newsletter.

Global Learning Partners, Inc.
4208 Windsor
Raleigh, NC 27609
Peter Noteboom
877-923-3393
glp@on.aibn.com
http://www.globalearning.com
Area Served: International

Studies participative, problem-posing approaches to adult learning and applies these approaches to enhance the skills of adult educators in industry, government, and the nonprofit sector. Works with leaders of adult and community education programs, many of whom work in rural areas. Develops and distributes books and training guides. Conducts workshops and courses.

Heartland Center for Leadership Development
941 'O' St., Ste. 920
Lincoln, NE 68508
Milan Wall, codirector
402-474-7667
800-927-1115
Fax: 402-474-7672
heartcld@aol.com
http://www.4w.com/heartland
Area Served: United States, Canada

Offers a broad spectrum of programs such as workshops for community and neighborhood leadership groups through multiyear projects assessing the impact of national community development models. Publishes a newsletter, booklets, and guides on effective strategies for community and economic development, renewing community leadership, and community survival.

Institute for Regional and Rural Studies in Education
1813 Faircloud Dr.
Edmond, OK 73034
Robert Stephens
405-341-1147
Fax: 405-341-1385
erstephens@aol.com

Conducts studies for development of state policies on school improvement. Provides planning assistance to state governments in the design of service delivery systems to rural school districts.

Inter-American Foundation
901 N. Stuart St.
Dept. 111, 10th Fl.
Arlington, VA 22203
Mark Caicedo, fellowship representative
703-306-4301
Fax: 703-306-4365
mcaicedo@iaf.gov
http://www.iaf.gov
Area Served: United States, Latin America, Caribbean

Fellowship Program supports development practitioners and researchers from Latin America Caribbean, and the United States whose research and career interests include development activities among the poor and systematic appraisals of local development activities for the poorest populations, such as small business owners in the informal sector, female-headed households, rural indigenous populations, and artisanal fishermen. Publishes semiannual journal *Grassroots Development*.

Lone Eagle Consulting
2200 Rebich Ln.
Dillon, MT 59725
Frank Odasz, president
406-683-6270
Fax: 406 683-6270
frank@lone-eagles.com
http://lone-eagles.com

Specializes in rural, remote, and indigenous Internet instruction. Hosts two online courses for educators and offers free educational and culturally-related resources.

National Clearinghouse for Comprehensive School Reform
George Washington University
2121 K St. NW, Ste. 250
Washington, DC 20037
Arthur W. Gosling, director
202-872-3727
877-766-4277
Fax: 877-308-4995
agosling@goodschools.gwu.edu
http://www.goodschools.gwu.edu

Collects, analyzes, and disseminates information on comprehensive school reform in educational institutions serving the K-12 population, including public schools, public school districts, state education agencies, and private schools in the United States. Provides reference and referral services, an annual report, and issues briefs. In partnership with George Washington University (GWU), Council for Basic Education (CBE), and Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL). Publishes monthly newsletter, *NCCSR Bookmark*, and quarterly newsletter, *NCCSR Benchmarks*.

National Writing Project
University of California, Berkeley
5511 Tolman Hall, #1042
Berkeley, CA 94720
Laura Paradise, program associate
510-642-0963
Fax: nwp@socrates.berkeley.edu
http://www-gse.berkeley.edu/Research/NWP/nwp.html
Area Served: AZ, LA, MI, NE, PA, WA

Develops strategies for involving the public in student learning through the use of parent-teacher dialogue journals and curriculum projects, public readings, community writing events, and facilitated conversations about student assessment and school reform. Produces a series of half hour radio programs airing rural student and teacher writings from six states. Supports effective teaching of writing from Kindergarten through university with teacher-led professional development programs. Audio samples of the radio program, *Rural Voices*, on website. Publishes *Voices Newsletter* (5/yr).

Participatory Action Research Network
Division of Nutritional Sciences
Cornell University
378 MVR Hall
Ithaca, NY 14853
David Pelletier, professor
607-255-1086
Fax: 607-255-1078
dlp5@cornell.edu
http://www.parnet.org
Area Served: International

Hosts seminars and Web-based archives on participatory action research projects, many in rural areas.

Program for School Improvement
League of Professional Schools
University of Georgia
124 Aderhold Hall
Athens, GA 30602
Frances Hensley, senior director
706-542-2516
800-578-2516
Fax: 706-542-2502
fhensley@coe.uga.edu
http://www.coe.uga.edu/lps
Area Served: GA, with affiliated sites in NV, WA, OH, NH, OK

Develops democratic learning communities that are focused on improving teaching and learning for all students. Recent rural initiatives: strengthening efforts in rural school sites, recruiting and retaining additional rural member schools, developing place-based curriculum, and providing a forum for the identification and examination of issues related to the renewal of rural schools and communities. Publishes a free newsletter.

REAL Enterprises
115 Market St., Ste. 320
Durham, NC 27701
Rick Larson, national director
919-688-7325
800-798-0643
Fax: 919-682-7621
ricklarson@mindspring.com
http://www.realenterprises.org

Finds links between rural education and rural development. Gives communities a viable way to meet the requirements of school-to-work and tech prep by preparing young people to recognize and seize economic opportunities (and even create jobs and businesses) in own communities. Publishes the *REAL Story* newsletter twice annually.

Rural Clearinghouse for Lifelong Education and Development
Kansas State University
252 Bluemont Hall
1100 Mid-Campus Dr.
Manhattan, KS 66506
Fax: http://www-personal.ksu.edu/~rcled
Maintains a Web site of rural adult education links and resources.

Rural Communities Research and Development Centre
Malaspina University College
Bldg. 356, Rm. 264
Nanaimo, BC V9R 5S5
Canada
Jim Montgomery, coordinator/instructor
250-753-3245
montgomeryj@mala.bc.ca
http://www.mala.bc.ca/www/discover/rcrdc/rcrdc.htm
Initiates, supports, and pursues research into rural communities. Promotes multidisciplinary and interdiscipliary activity in such research. Undertakes contract research and development projects for government and nongovernment bodies. Supports other organizations or groups promoting such research and development. Also conducts and facilitates conferences, seminars, and workshops to disseminate and discuss research findings.

Rural Development Leadership Network
P.O. Box 98, Prince St. Sta.
New York, NY 10012
Starry Krueger, president
212-777-9137
Fax: 212-477-0367
rdln@ruraldevelopment.org
http://www.ruraldevelopment.org
Supports community-based development in poor, rural areas through hands-on projects, education, leadership development, and networking. Members compose a community of rural development practitioners and learners, many of whom have earned master's degrees while enrolled in the network. B.A. or Ph.D. options are available for rural development practitioners.

Rural Education Research and Development Centre
James Cook University
Townsville QLD, Q 4811
Australia
Dr. David McSwan, director
617-472-13993
Fax: 617-472-11910
David.McSwan@jcu.edu.au
http://www.soe.jcu.edu.au/about/rerdc.shtml
Area Served: Australia
Offers graduate programs in rural education. Undertakes commissioned research. Hosts projects on such topics as small schools closures, equitable funding, health in remote areas, rural schools and community development, attracting and retaining rural teachers and other professionals, and otitis media and its implications for education.

Rural History Centre
Museum of English Rural Life
University of Reading
P.O. Box 229
Whiteknights Berkshire RG6 6AG
England
Jill Betts, museum assistant (education)
00 44 (0) 118 931 8660
Fax: 00 44 (0) 118 975 1264
j.m.betts@reading.ac.uk
http://www.rdg.ac.uk/Instits/im/
Area Served: International
Provides research, education, and information to the widest possible audience. Collects and preserves collections of national and international significance in the areas of the history of food farming and the countryside. Includes books, archives, photographs, film, and video and object collections, mostly covering Great Britain 1750-present.

Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation
P.O. Box 4776
Kingston, ACT 2604
Australia
Tim Evans, media manager
02 6272 4539
Fax: 02 6272 5877
rirdc@rirdc.gov.au
http://www.rirdc.gov.au
Area Served: Australia
Manages and funds priority research and trans-

lates results into practical outcomes for industry development. Studies new rural products and services and has over 400 research reports available for sale, many of them on farmer education and training.

Rural Policy Research Institute
University of Missouri
135 Mumford Hall
Columbia, MO 65211
Lori Christopher
573-882-0316
Fax: 573-884-5310
office@rurpi.org
http://www.rupri.org

Conducts policy-relevant research, facilitates public dialogue to assist policymakers in understanding the rural impacts of public policy and programs, and provides decision support to rural residents. Has established a unique international model for bringing objective external analysis to public policy decision making. Source of unbiased, policy-relevant analysis and information on the challenges, needs, and opportunities facing rural America.

Rural and Small Town Programme
Mount Allison University
76 York St.
Sackville, NB E4L 1E9
Canada
David Bruce, director
506-364-2391
Fax: 506-364-2601
rstp@mta.ca
http://www.mta.ca/rstp
Area Served: Canada

Independent university-based research centre dedicated to exploring and resolving social, environmental, and economic issues facing small communities in Canada.

Save the Children
54 Wilton Rd.
Westport, CT 06880
800-728-3843
http://www.savethechildren.org

Works with families and communities at home and abroad to free them from poverty. Works in 18 states in the United States and in 46 developing nations around the world. Supports new approaches in child development and basic education around the world. Helps victims cope with crises and begin the process of recovery. Coordinates relief activities with other international agencies, in addition to strengthening the national institutions that can carry out this work.

School at the Center
P.O. Box 880355
Lincoln, NE 68588
Jerry Hoffman, director
402-483-6037
Fax: 402-472-8317
jerry_lee_hoffman@msn.com
Area Served: NE, Great Plains, Australia, New Zealand

Focuses on rural community-based education and community redevelopment. Promotes joint school/community strategic planning. Conducts institutes and workshops on rural community issues for teachers, students, school administrators, and community activists. Believes students should become stewards of their community's culture, preservers of their community's history, and builders of their community's future.

Southern Initiative of the Algebra Project
Positive Innovations, Inc.
5135 Galaxie Dr., Bldg. A
P.O. Box 13917
Jackson, MS 39236
David J. Dennis, Sr., director
601-362-0144
Fax: 601-362-5788
ddennissr@aol.com
http://www.ruraledu.org/projects.html
Area Served: MS, SC, AR

Works in schools located in high poverty areas that have high percentages of African American students. Builds groups in school communities that can support and sustain school reform. Provides core instructional materials, called the Transition Curriculum, that produce for all students a foundation for completing Algebra and achieving mathematics literacy. Also provides teacher professional development and support programs, and creates networks of projects in rural areas that work toward school reform.

SECTION 2

Federal Agencies and Programs

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

REGIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

The four regional centers coordinate rural development research and extension (education) programs cooperatively with the land-grant institutions. The centers develop networks of university research and extension faculty from a variety of disciplines to address rural issues. They are funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service.

North Central Regional Center for Rural Development
Iowa State University
108 Curtiss Hall
Ames, IA 50011
Cornelia Flora, director
515-294-8321
Fax: 515-294-3180
cflora@iastate.edu
http://www.ncrcrd.iastate.edu
Area Served: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO NE, ND, OH, SD, WI

Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development
Pennsylvania State University
7 Armsby Bldg.
University Park, PA 16802
Stephan J. Goetz, director
814-863-4656
Fax: 814-863-0586
necrd@psupen.psu.edu
http://www.cas.psu.edu/docs/casconf/necrd/necrd.html
Area Served: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, RI, PA, VT, WV

Southern Rural Development Center
Mississippi State University
P.O. Box 9656, 410 Bost Bldg.
Mississippi State, MS 39762
Bo Beaulieu, director
662-325-3207
Fax: 662-325-8915
bonniet@srdc.msstate.edu
http://www.ext.msstate.edu/srdc
Area Served: AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, OK, PR, SC, TN, TX, VI, VA

Western Rural Development Center
Utah State University
8335 Old Main Hill
Logan, UT 84322
Steven E. Daniels, director
435-797-9732
Fax: 435-797-9733
wrdc@ext.usu.edu
http://www.ext.usu.edu/wrdc
Area Served: AK, AS, AZ, CA, CO, GU, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY, Amer. Samoa, Micronesia, N. Mariana Isl.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATIONS

Agriculture and Rural Economy Division
Economic Research Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1800 M St., NW
Washington, DC 20036
Deana Kussman
202-694-5050
800-999-6779
Fax: 202-694-5700
service@ERS.USDA.gov
http://www.ers.usda.gov
Area Served: United States

Conducts research and publishes reports on rural business, financial markets, population, education, income and well-being, labor markets, state and local governments, and rural development strategies and policy issues. Publishes the journals *Rural Development Perspectives* and *Rural Conditions and Trends*.

Agriculture in the Classroom
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW, Stop 2251
Washington, DC 20250
202-720-7925
Fax: 202-690-0062
adickerson@reeusda.gov
http://www.agclassroom.org/

Helps students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society, so that they may become citizens who support wise agricultural policies. Carried out in each state according to state needs and interests by individuals representing farm organizations, agribusiness, education and government. Acts as a central clearinghouse for materials and information and coordinates with national organizations to promote the goal of an increased awareness of agriculture among the nation's students. Subscriptions available to newsletter.

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, DC
202-720-3029
Fax: 202-690-0289
csrees@reeusda.gov
http://www.reeusda.gov/1700/csrees_main.htm

A federal, state, and local partnership providing education to families and communities in nearly every county in the United States. Administered through land-grant universities in each state and territory, the system includes more than 9,600 local extension agents; 9,500 scientists conducting research at state agricultural experiment stations; model education programs on food safety, sustainable agriculture, water quality, children, youth, and families, health, environmental stewardship, and community economic development. Contact your local county extension office (listed under local government in your telephone directory) or a land-grant university (see listings this directory).

National 4-H Headquarters
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW, Stop 2225
Washington, DC 20250
202-720-2908
4h-usa@reeusda.gov
http://www.4h-usa.org

A nonformal educational program and organization for youth, ages 5-19 operated at the national level by the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, at the state level by the Cooperative Extension Service of the Land-Grant Universities (see listings in this directory), and at the local level by county Extension Agents. Enables young people to acquire knowledge, develop life skills, and form attitudes to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society. Activities include meetings, social activities, tours, camps, fairs, and variety of service and learning projects.

Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Box 2890
Washington, DC 20013
Rosann Durrah
202-720-4072
Fax: 202-690-0639
Rosann.Durrah@usda.gov.
http://www.nrcs.usda.gov

Promotes the science and art of good land use through its educational action programs. Publishes periodical, *Soil and Water Conservation News*. Curriculum materials on conservation and soil available on Web site.

Rural Development Community Programs
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW, Stop Code 0788
Washington, DC 20250
James Alsop, deputy administrator
202-720-1490
Fax: 202-690-0471
jalsop@rdmail.rural.usda.gov
http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/agency/rhs/cf/cf.htm
Area Served: Rural areas of United States

Seeks to ensure that health care clinics, police and fire stations, schools, and child care centers are readily available to all rural Americans, and is authorized to make loans to develop these community facilities. Applications will be considered without regard to race, religion, sex, marital status, age, handicap, or national origin of members of the group applying for assistance. Opportunity to construct, develop, and use facilities must be extended on the same basis.

Rural Economic and Community Development Services
U. S. Department of Agriculture
14th and Independent Sts., SW
Washington, DC 20250
Dan Campbell, director
202-720-4323
Fax: 202-690-0311
http://www.rurdev.usda.gov

Provides services to help provide rural Americans with modern telecommunications, electricity, water, and wastewater disposal. Provides financial assistance, business planning, technical assistance, research, education, and information to cooperatives and rural businesses through public and private community based organizations.

Rural Housing Service
Community Facilities Program
U.S. Department of Agriculture
14th & Independent, SW, MS 3222
Washington, DC 20250
James C. Alsop, deputy administrator
community programs
202-720-1490
Fax: 202-690-0471
jalsop@rdmail.rural.usda.gov
http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs

Offers direct and guaranteed loans and grants designed to finance and facilitate the development of over 80 different types of essential community facilities serving rural areas. These facilities include, but are not limited to, hospitals, elderly care facilities, child care centers, fire and rescue stations, vocational and medical rehabilitation centers, schools, and public transportation infrastructure. For more information, contact the Rural Development office in your state (see entry this directory).

Rural Information Center
National Agricultural Library
U.S. Department of Agriculture
10301 Baltimore Ave., Rm. 304
Beltsville, MD 20705
Patricia John, center coordinator
301-504-5547
800-633-7701
Fax: 301-504-5181
ric@nal.usda.gov
http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/
Area Served: United States

Provides information and referral services to local, state, and federal government officials; community organizations; health professional and organizations; rural electric and telephone cooperatives; libraries; businesses; and rural citizens working to maintain the vitality of America's rural areas.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL LABORATORIES

AEL, Inc.
P.O. Box 1348
Charleston, WV 25325
Allen Arnold, president and chief executive officer
304-347-0400
800-624-9120
Fax: 304-347-0487
info@ael.org
http://www.ael.org
Area Served: KY, TN, VA, WV

Hosts one of the 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. All labs are required to focus a significant portion of their funds on rural areas. Areas of past research and development have focused on rural school consolidation, K-12 "unit" schools, service learning, a longitudinal study of state education reform, workforce education strategies, rural development, education service agencies, and the national research agenda in rural education.

Laboratory for Student Success at Temple University
933 Ritter Anx., 13th St. & Cecil B. Moore Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19122
Margaret C. Wang, executive director
215-204-3030
800-892-5550
Fax: 215-204-5130
lss@vm.temple.edu
http://www.temple.edu/LSS
Area Served: DE, MD, NJ, PA, District of Columbia

One of the 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. All labs are required to focus a significant portion of their funds on rural areas. Develops products, program models, and exemplary strategies to enrich learning experiences for students. Works for solutions that lead to learning success for all children and youth, particularly those who have not had positive schooling experiences. Conducts interdisciplinary research that represents multiple views to develop ideas and practices for enriching life and learning.

Northeast and Islands Regional Educational Lab at Brown

222 Richmond St., Ste. 300
Providence, RI 02903
Dr. Phil Zarlengo, executive director
401-274-9548
800-521-9550
Fax: 401-421-7650
LAB@brown.edu
http://www.lab.brown.edu
Area Served: CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, VT, PR, VI

One of the 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. All labs are required to focus a significant portion of their funds on rural areas. Works with state departments of education, service agencies, community groups, professional associations, and other organizations to assist them in building their own capacities to share and adapt strategies with local educators. Provides schools with alternative assessment procedures for language-minority students, and develops new approaches for communicating with limited-English-proficient (LEP) families to increase involvement in their children's education.

Pacific Resources for Education and Learning

1099 Alakea St., Ali'i Pl., 25th Fl.
Honolulu, HI 96813
John W. Kofel, president and chief executive officer
808-441-1300
Fax: 808-441-1385
askprel@prel.org
http://w3.prel.hawaii.edu/programs/Rel/rel.html
Area Served: Hawa'i, Amer. Samoa, N. Mariana Isl., Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Isl., Palau

Hosts one of the 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. All labs are required to focus a significant portion of their funding on rural areas. Links educators to an established network of national, regional, and local service providers. Conducts development and applied research and literature searches. Disseminates information. Provides program monitoring, evaluation services, and impact assessments. Facilitates needs assessment, vision-setting, planning, and implementation of systemic educational change at local and entity levels.

SERVE

P.O. Box 5367
915 Northridge St.
Greensboro, NC 27403
John R. Sanders, executive director
336-315-7400
800-755-3277
Fax: 336-334-3268
info@serve.org
http://www.serve.org
Area Served: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC

Hosts one of the 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. All labs are required to focus a significant portion of their funds on rural areas. Promotes and supports the continuous improvement of educational opportunities for all learners in the Southeast. Develops tools and strategies to assist educators in their systemic education reform efforts. Publishes *The Vision* newsletter.

Southwest Educational Development Laboratory

211 E. 7th St., Ste. 200
Austin, TX 78701
Catherine F. Jordan
512-476-6861
Fax: 512-476-2286
cjordan@sedl.org
http://www.sedl.org
Area Served: AR, LA, NM, OK, TX

One of the 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. All labs are required to focus a significant portion of their funds on rural areas. Rural Development Collaborative Action Team establishes special teams of home, school, and community representatives that link school improvement community, and economic development in unique ways in rural areas. Creates sustainable rural communities and schools to simultaneously improve student learning and develop communities.

Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory
101 SW Main St., Ste. 500
Portland, OR 97204
Joyce Ley
503-275-9553
800-547-6339
Fax: 503-275-0654
ruraled@nwrel.org
http://www.nwrel.org/ruraled
Area Served: AK, ID, MT, OR, WA

Hosts one of the 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. All labs are required to focus a significant portion of their funds on rural areas. Provides information and technical assistance to policymakers; service delivery agencies; and small, rural schools to better understand decisions concerning the education of rural students in small schools. Uses research and development methods, data, and information to guide sustained educational improvement. Consultation, resource information, and training materials available related to rural community development, multiage classrooms, charter school leadership development, demographics, and more.

Mid-Continent Research for Education and Learning
2550 S. Parker Rd., Ste 500
Aurora, CO 80014
Mike Arnold, senior consultant
303-337-5501
Fax: 303-337-3005
marnold@mcrel.org
http://www.mcrel.org
Area Served: CO, KS, MO, ND, NE, SD, WY

Hosts one of the 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. All labs are required to focus a significant portion of their funds on rural areas. Rural Initiative works with state education agencies, institutions of higher education, intermediate service agencies, and local districts and policymakers to improve and expand educational opportunities for rural students. Increases capacity within rural schools and communities to initiate and sustain systemic change designed to enhance learning and student achievement.

North Central Regional Educational Laboratory
1900 Spring Rd., Ste. 300
Oak Brook, IL 60523
Margaret O'Keefe
630-571-4700
800-356-2735
Fax: 630-571-4716
info@ncrel.org
http://www.ncrel.org
Area Served: IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, OH, WI

One of the 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. All labs are required to focus a significant portion of their funds on rural areas. Rural Initiative helps schools and communities overcome obstacles to educational excellence and find or create innovative improvement practices and approaches. Creates support networks and partnerships. Experiments with innovative practices and approaches while developing the capacity to sustain those that prove viable. Publishes *Pulling Together: R&D Resources for Rural Schools* (http://www.ncrel.org/rural).

WestEd
730 Harrison St.
San Francisco, CA 94107
Stanley Chow
415-565-3000
Fax: 415-565-3012
tross@WestEd.org
http://www.WestEd.org
Area Served: AZ, CA, NV, UT

One of the 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. All labs are required to focus a significant portion of their funds on rural areas. Rural Education program serves rural, small schools by informing them about research-based findings and practices, by strengthening rural partnerships and networks, and by providing direct assistance to improve schools. Works in partnership with agencies in the region to help rural schools train teachers, develop curriculum, use distance learning technology, and make program improvements. Publishes *Knowledge Briefs* series, videotapes, and other products related to rural education issues.

REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS

Federal Resource Center for Special Education
Academy for Educational Development
1825 Connecticut Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20009
Carol Valdivieso, director
202-884-8215

Fax: 202-884-8443
TTY: 202-884-8200
frc@aed.org
http://www.dssc.org/frc

Works with the six regional resource centers and the technical assistance networks to respond to the needs of students with disabilities and their families, especially those from under-represented populations. Helps plan national conferences of education professionals with the Office of Special Education Programs.

Great Lakes Area Regional Resource Center
College of Education
Ohio State University
700 Ackerman Road, Suite 440
Columbus, OH 43202
Larry Magliocca, director
614-447-0844
Fax: 614-447-9043
TTY: 614-447-8776
Magliocca.1@osu.edu
http://www.glarrc.org/
Area Served: IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, MO, OH, PA, WI

Assists states in improving programs for children with disabilities and their families, especially those programs covered by the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). Funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

Mid-South Regional Resource Center
Interdisciplinary Human Development Institute
University of Kentucky
126 Mineral Industries Bldg.
Lexington, KY 40506
Ken Olsen, director
606-257-4921
Fax: 606-257-4353
msrrc@ihdi.uky.edu
http://www.ihdi.uky.edu/msrrc
Area Served: DE, DC, KY, MD, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV

One of six regional resource centers funded by the U.S. Department of Education to provide technical assistance to state and local education agencies, communities, school systems, educators, parents, and students in the areas of special education and early intervention. Provides documents, products, assessment and evaluation, technical assistance, and legal and regulatory assistance.

Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center
Utah State University
1780 N. Research Pkwy, Ste. 112
Logan, UT 84341
Conna Meeker
435-752-0238
Fax: 435-753-9750
conna@cc.usu.edu
http://www.usu.edu/mprrc
Area Served: AZ, CO, KS, MT, NE, NM, ND, SD, UT, WY

Helps states improve special education and related services by training state staff and by providing technical assistance (TA) tailored to each state's program development needs. Through the state departments of education, works with other state and local agencies to provide special education services to infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities and their families. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs.

Northeast Regional Resource Center
Learning Innovations/WestEd
Trinity College of Vermont
20 Winter Sport Ln.
Williston, VT 05495
Kristin Reedy, director
802-951-8226
Fax: 802-951-8222
nerrc@aol.com
Area Served: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, RI, VT

Provides special education technical assistance for program development to eight state departments of education in the Northeast and, through them, to local school districts and associated organizations. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Designed to assist state education agencies in assuring that educational policies and procedures result in quality programs for students with disabilities.

Southeast Regional Resource Center
Auburn University, Montgomery
P.O. Box 244023
Montgomery, AL 36124
Betty Beale, director
334-244-3661
Fax: 334-244-3101

TDD: 334-244-3800
bbeale@edla.aum.edu
http://edla.aum.edu/serrc/serrc.html
Area Served: AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, OK, PR, TX, VI

One of six regional resource centers funded by the U.S. Department of Education to work with the state educational agencies as they plan, implement, and achieve successful and lasting systemic change in their early intervention, special education, and transition services to improve outcomes for children with disabilities and their families.

Western Regional Resource Center
College of Education
University of Oregon
1268 University of Oregon
Eugene, OR 97403
Dr. Richard Zeller, director
541-346-5641
Fax: 541-346-5639
wrrc@oregon.uoregon.edu
http://interact.uoregon.edu/WRRC/wrrc.html
Area Served: AK, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, WA, American Samoa, N. Mariana Is., Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Is., Palau

One of six regional resource centers funded by the U.S. Department of Education to work with the state education agencies as they plan, implement, and achieve successful and lasting systemic change in their early intervention, special education, and transition services to improve outcomes for children with disabilities and their families.

REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION CONSORTIA

Appalachia Regional Technology in Education Consortium
The CNA Corporation
4401 Ford Ave.
Alexandria, VA 22302
Michael Dominguez, project director
703-824-2073
Fax: 703-824-2903
dormingum@can.org
Area Served: KY, TN, VA, WV

Helps states, local educational agencies, teachers, school library and media personnel, administrators, and other education entities successfully integrate technologies into classrooms, library media centers, and other educational settings, including adult literacy centers. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

High Plains Regional Technology in Education Consortium
Joseph R. Pearson Hall
1122 West Campus Rd.
Lawrence, KS 66045
Jerry Chaffin, coinvestigator
785-864-0699
Fax: 785-864-0704
Area Served: CO, KS, NE, MO, ND, SD, WY

Provides well-documented, high quality technical assistance, professional development, and information resource dissemination to build the capacity of educators to make use of technology to improve teaching and learning, especially in schools with high percentages of underserved students living in isolated rural areas, American Indians, and children of migrant farm workers.

Mid-Atlantic Regional Technology in Education Consortium
Center for Research in Human Development and Education
1301 Cecil B. Moore
Philadelphia, PA 19122
Margaret Wang, project director
215-204-3001
Fax: 215-204-6091
Area Served: DE, DC, MD, NJ, PA

Helps states, local educational agencies, teachers, school library and media personnel, administrators, and other education entities successfully integrate technologies into kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) classrooms, library media centers, and other educational settings, including adult literacy centers. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, through its Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

North Central Regional Technology in Education Consortium
1900 Spring Rd., Ste. 300
Oak Brook, IL 60523
Kristin Ciesemier, project director
630-218-4994
Fax: 630-218-4989
kristinc@ncrel.org

Area Served: IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI

Helps states, local educational agencies, teachers, school library and media personnel, administrators, and other education entities successfully integrate technologies into kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) classrooms, library media centers, and other educational settings, including adult literacy centers. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, through its Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

North East & Islands Regional Technology in Education Consortium

Educational Development Center, Inc.
55 Chapel St.
Newton, MA 02458
Glenn Kleiman, project director
617-969-1580
Fax: 617-969-1580
GlennK@edc.org
Area Served: CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, PI, VT

Helps states, local educational agencies, teachers, school library and media personnel, administrators, and other education entities successfully integrate technologies into kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) classrooms, library media centers, and other educational settings, including adult literacy centers. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, through its Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

North West Regional Technology in Education Consortium

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Portland, OR 97203
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503-275-0650
Fax: 503-275-0449
hanflins@nwrel.org
Area Served: AK, WA, OR, MT, ID

Helps states, local educational agencies, teachers, school library and media personnel, administrators, and other education entities successfully integrate technologies into kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) classrooms, library media centers, and other educational settings, including adult literacy centers. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, through its Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

Pacific Regional Technology in Education Consortium

Pacific Resources for Education and Learning
1099 Alakea St., 25th Fl.
Honolulu, HI 96183
John Kofel, project director
808-441-1300
Fax: 808-441-1385
kofelj@prel.org
Area Served: HI, U.S. territories

Helps states, local educational agencies, teachers, school library and media personnel, administrators, and other education entities successfully integrate technologies into kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) classrooms, library media centers, and other educational settings, including adult literacy centers. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, through its Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

R*TEC Central

University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc.
Joseph R. Pearson, Ste. 523
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Lawrence, KS 66045
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785-864-0699
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Area Served: CO, KS, MO, ND, NE, SD, WY

Helps states, local educational agencies, teachers, school library and media personnel, administrators, and other education entities successfully integrate technologies into kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) classrooms, library media centers, and other educational settings, including adult literacy centers. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, through its Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

South Central Regional Technology in Education Consortium

Southwest Educational Development Laboratory
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Austin, TX 78701
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Area Served: AR, LA, NM, OK, TX

Helps states, local educational agencies, teachers, school library and media personnel, administrators, and other education entities successfully integrate technologies into kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) classrooms, library media centers, and other educational settings, including adult literacy centers. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, through its Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

South East Regional Initiatives Technology in Education

SERVE, Inc.
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ebyrom@serve.org
Area Served: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC

Helps states, local educational agencies, teachers, school library and media personnel, administrators, and other education entities successfully integrate technologies into kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) classrooms, library media centers, and other educational settings, including adult literacy centers. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, through its Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

South West Regional Technology in Education Consortium

WestEd
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San Francisco, CA 94107
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btrilli@wested.org
Area Served: AZ, CA, NV, UT

Helps states, local educational agencies, teachers, school library and media personnel, administrators, and other education entities successfully integrate technologies into kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) classrooms, library media centers, and other educational settings, including adult literacy centers. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, through its Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS

21st Century Community Learning Centers

U.S. Department of Education
21stCCLC@ed.gov
http://www.ed.gov.21stcclc/index.html

Enables schools to stay open longer, providing a safe place for homework centers, intensive mentoring in basic skills, and drug and violence prevention counseling. Helps middle school students to prepare to take college prep courses in high school. Provides enrichment in the core academic subjects; opportunities to participate in recreational activities such as chorus, band and the arts; technology education programs; and services for children and youth with disabilities. For information on publications, contact edpubs@inet.ed.gov or call 1-877-4-ED-Pubs.

Agricultural Education/Future Farmers of America

Office of Vocational and Adult Education
U.S. Department of Education
Switzer Bldg., Rm. 4311 B
Washington, DC 20202
Larry Case, national FFA advisor and chief executive officer
202-205-8425
Fax: 202-205-5522
http://www.ffa.org

Provides leadership to all states in agricultural education and Future Farmers of America programs and rural education within the U.S. Department of Education. Supports a wide range of programs and activities that help young people and adults obtain the knowledge and skills they need for successful careers and productive lives.

Appalachian Regional Commission Liaison Office

Office of Vocational and Agricultural Education
U.S. Department of Education
MES 4531, 330 C St., SW
Washington, DC 20202
Nancy Smith Brooks, director
202-205-8269
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nancy_brooks@ed.gov

Administrators certain programs for the Appalachian Regional Commission (see separate entry). Helps each of the 13 Appalachian states to create

opportunities for self-sustaining economic development and improved quality of life. Provides national leadership and technical assistance on issues and programs in education reform as well as vocational and adult education specific to the region.

Clearinghouse on Disability Information
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
U.S. Department of Education
330 C St., SW, Rm. 3132
Washington, DC 20202
Carolyn Cortlett
202-205-8241
Fax: 202-401-2608
http://www.ed.gov/OFFICES/OSERS

Provides information to people with disabilities, or anyone requesting information, by doing research and procuring documents in response to inquiries. Information includes areas of federal funding for disability-related programs. Information acquired through this service may be useful to disabled individuals and their families, schools and universities, teachers and administrators, and organizations that have persons with disabilities as clients.

Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority
P.O. Box 1218
Morristown, TN 37816
Ray McElhaney
423-587-4500
Fax: 423-587-4509
http://www.douglascherokee.org/
Area Served: Southern Appalachia

Provides a wide range of programs to improve educational opportunities and achievement in southern Appalachia. Maintains three community computer labs to serve residents located within Enterprise Communities. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Office
Office of Vocational & Adult Education
U.S. Department of Education
4090 MES
400 Maryland Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20202
William L. Smith, director
202-205-5451
Fax: 202-205-8748
ovae@inet.ed.gov
http://www.ed.gov/offices/OVAE/ezec.html

Helps build the capacity of Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community (EZ/EC) communities to establish goals for education. Within the EZ/EC communities, provides resources to help strengthen schools and to encourage and compliment efforts of states, local school systems, and other public and private organizations to improve the quality of education. Offers technical assistance, publishes a newsletter, and provides guidance on the use of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (cost free capital for schools located in the EZs and ECs) to form school-business partnerships.

ERIC Clearinghouse on Rural Education and Small Schools
AEL, Inc.
1031 Quarrier St., P.O. Box 1348
Charleston, WV 25325
Patricia C. Hammer, associate director
304-347-0400
800-624-9120
Fax: 304-347-0487
hammerp@ael.org
http://www.ael.org

Areas of interest include American Indians and Alaska Native education, Mexican American education, migrant education, outdoor education, rural education, and small schools. Acquires, processes, and abstracts documents, books, and articles for the ERIC database. Answers questions, performs free searches of the ERIC database, and can recommend other resources. Also produces ERIC Digests, books, guides, directories, a newsletter, and a Web page rich in downloadable resources.

National Center for Education Statistics
1990 K St., NW
Washington, DC 20006
202-502-7466
Fax: http://nces.ed.gov

Primary federal entity for collecting and analyzing data related to education in the United States and other nations. Web site features wide variety of information relevant to policy and educational decision making. Information covers all levels of education, private and public sectors, and includes breakdowns by state, demographic characteristics, locale, and size of schools and districts.

National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities
1090 Vermont Ave., NW, Ste. 700
Washington, DC 20005
Cheryl Wagner, communications manager
202-289-7800
888-552-0624
Fax: 202-289-1092
cwagner@nibs.org
http://edfacilities.org

Information resource for people who plan, design, build, operate and maintain K-12 schools. Accessible resource for community and district leaders involved with making decisions about construction and maintenance. Site provides links to topics such as community involvement, school size, the condition of the nation's schools, and more.

National Institute on the Education of At-Risk Students
Office of Educational Research and Improvement
U.S. Department of Education
555 New Jersey Ave., NW, Rm. 610B
Washington, DC 20208
Karen Suagee
202-219-2244
Fax: 202-219-2030
Karen_Suagee@ed.gov

Plays a lead role in development of the federal American Indian education research agenda. Outreach via conferences and focus group meetings in the year 2000 to provide input from Indian country to develop agenda (in addition to literature review and research database analyses). Also participates in department-wide Rural Education Committee. Various projects in research centers also address rural concerns.

National School-to-Work Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Virginia Ave., SW, Rm. 210
Washington, DC 20024
Stephany Powers, director
202-401-6222
stephanie_powers@ed.gov
http://www.stw.ed.gov/grants/typegran.htm

Provides students with knowledge and skills that will allow them to opt for college, additional training, or a well-paying job directly out of high school. Provides Urban/Rural Opportunities Grants (UROG) that fund partnerships in high poverty urban and rural areas (those with poverty rates above 20 percent for youth under 22). Partnerships must have specific strategies to address the multiple needs of urban and rural in- and out-of-school youth, including human service needs. Grants provide up to five years of direct federal support.

OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Appalachian Regional Commission
1666 Connecticut Ave., NW, Ste. 700
Washington, DC 20009
Ann Anderson
202-884-7799
crea@arc.gov
Area Served: all of WV, rural counties in AL, GA, KY

Serves as a catalyst for change by directing resources through federal, state, and local partnerships to fund a wide range of projects in transportation, housing, health care, and education. Combines many different components of economic development: physical infrastructure, human development, and business development.

Congressional Rural Caucus
http://www.house.gov/emerson/crc/

Bipartisan coalition of members of Congress who are committed to helping agricultural and rural America build stronger, more prosperous futures for current and future generations of Americans living on the family farms and ranches and in rural communities. Promotes economic and social policies that support the continued viability of rural communities. Educates members of Congress about the challenges and opportunities unique to rural areas.

National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
P.O. Box 1182
Washington, DC 20013

703-385-7565
800-394-3366
Fax: 703-385-3206

Serves as a major national resource center for acquisition and dissemination of child abuse and neglect materials. Develops a database of materials and provides topical bibliographies and custom searches. A CD-ROM containing many of the Clearinghouse's databases is available to libraries, universities, and other qualified institutions. Produces a free catalog of publications and services available to users.

National Endowment for the Humanities
1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20506
202-606-8400
800-634-8243
Fax: 202-606-8243
info@neh.gov
http://www.neh.gov

The largest funder of humanities programs in the United States. Awards grants to institutions that create and preserve knowledge, enrich classroom learning, expand humanities content on the internet, and bring ideas to life through public television and radio, museum exhibitions, and programs in libraries and other community places. Publishes *NEH Outlook* (electronic) on Web page.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Rural Systemic Initiatives
Division of Educational System Reform
National Science Foundation
4201 Wilson Blvd., Ste. 875
Arlington, VA 22230
Ramona D. Lyon
Senior Program Assistant
703-306-1682
Fax: 703-306-0456
rlyon@nsf.gov
http://www.ehr.nsf.gov/ehr/esr/rsi.asp

Seeks to improve education for students in rural, economically disadvantaged regions of the nation, particularly those underserved by National Science Foundation programs; and to sustain the improvements through encouraging community participation in instructional and policy reform. Addresses policy, leadership, and workforce issues related to education; and provides a comprehensive and sustainable framework for science, mathematics, and technology education at all levels.

Alaska Rural Systemic Initiative
University of Alaska, Fairbanks
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Fairbanks, AK 99775
Ray Barnhardt
907-474-6431
Fax: 907-474-1957
ffrjb@aurora.alaska.edu
http://www.ankn.uaf.edu/arsi.html
Area Served: Rural Alaska

Documents the indigenous knowledge systems of Alaska Native peoples, developing pedagogical practices that integrate indigenous and Western scientific knowledge in educational programs, and encourages community participation in instructional and policy reform. Addresses science, mathematics, and technology education at all levels.

Appalachia Rural Systemic Initiative
Kentucky Science and Technology Council, Inc.
200 W. Vine St., Rm. 420
Lexington, KY 40507
Steven Henderson
606-255-3511
Fax: 606-259-0986
shenderson@arsi.org
Area Served: Rural Appalachia areas of KY, NC, OH, TN, VA, WV

Border Rural Systemic Initiative
New Mexico State University
P.O. Box 30001, Dept 3CE
Las Cruces, NM 08003
Wanda Guzman
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wguzman@tenet.edu
Area Served: Rural border regions of west TX, NM, AZ

Coastal Rural Systemic Initiative
Fayetteville State University
1200 Murchison Rd.
Fayetteville, NC 28301
Roy "Chuck" Blanton
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Fax: 910-486-1588

blantonre@appstate.edu
Area Served: Coastal areas of GA, NC, SC

Delta Rural Systemic Initiative
Department of Mathematics
University of Mississippi
Hume Hall 231
University, MS 40507
Alfred Hall
662-915-1087
ahall@olemiss.edu
Area Served: Mississippi River Delta region of AR, LA, MS

Seeks to improve education and find long-term remedies to social and educational problems.

Hawaii Rural Systemic Initiative
Hawaii Department of Education
3645 Waialae Ave., Rm. 302
Honolulu, HI 96816
Victoria Kajioka
808-733-4777
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Michigan Rural Systemic Initiative
Cheboygan-Ostego-Presque Isle
Intermediate School District
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Traverse City, MI 49686
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MSTAR Rural Systemic Initiative
Office of the President
University of California, Oakland
300 Lakeside Dr., 17th Fl.
Oakland, CA 94612
Dawn Valencia
510-987-0267
Fax: 510-763-4704
dawn.valencia@ucop.edu
Area Served: CA, NV

Navajo Nation Rural Systemic Initiative
Navajo Nation Coalition
P.O. Box 4380
Window Rock, AZ 86515
Anselm Davis
520-871-6774
Fax: 520-871-6443
anselmd@dns.nncs.ibs.gov
Area Served: On or near Navajo Reservation in AZ, CO, NM, UT

Assists schools in implementing a standards-based science and math program within the context of the Navajo culture.

Southeastern Rural Systemic Initiative
College of Education
Valdosta University
Valdosta, GA 31698
Thomas Reed
912-333-5648
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treed@valdosta.edu

Texas Rural Systemic Initiative
West Texas A&M University
P.O. Box 60217 W.T. Station
Canyon, TX 79016
Judy Kelley
806-651-2271
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jkelley@faculty.wtamu.edu
http://www.texasrsi.org
Area Served: Rural TX

Tribal College Rural Systemic Initiative
P.O. Box 340
Belcourt, ND 58316
Patrick Weaselhead
701-477-7916
Fax: 701-477-7918
weaselp@worldnet.att.net
http://www.tcrsi.net
Area Served: MN, MT, ND, NE, SD, WY

Seeks to improve education for students in 20 American Indian nations in the Northern Great Plains through collaboration between tribal colleges, school districts, and reservation communities.

UCAN Rural Systemic Initiative
New Mexico Highlands University
P.O. Box 9000
Las Vegas, NM 87701
Elizabeth Yost
505-454-3544
Fax: 505-454-3005
byost@merlin.nmhu.edu
http://ucanrsi.nmhu.edu
Area Served: UT, CO, AZ, NM

Seeks to improve education for students in targeted rural school districts and tribal schools in Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.

SECTION 3
Media, Periodicals, Publishers, and Producers

AASA Rural, Small School Electronic Newsletter
American Association of School Administrators
1801 N. Moore St.
Arlington, VA 22209
Kari Arfstrom, project director
703-528-0700
Fax: 703-841-1543
info@aasa.org
http://www.aasa.org
Electronic newsletter for administrators and others interested in rural and small schools.

The Active Learner:
A Foxfire Journal for Teachers
P.O. Box 541
Mountain City, GA 30562
Sara Day Hatton, editor
706-746-5828
Fax: 706-746-5829
foxfire@foxfire.org
A journal for, about, and by K-12 teachers. Contains insightful articles, interesting project ideas, interviews, book reviews, and art work by youth. Published three times/year.

The Alberta Journal of Educational Research
Office of the Dean
University of Alberta
845 Education Centre S.
Edmonton, AB T6G 2G5
Canada
Julia Ellis, editor
780-492-3751
Fax: 780-492-0236
ajer@ualberta.ca
http://www.education.ualberta.ca/educ/journals/ajer/ajer-frm.html
Area Served: International
Quarterly journal devoted to the dissemination, criticism, interpretation, and encouragement of all forms of systematic enquiry into education and fields related to or associated with education. Back issues are available.

Appalachia
Appalachian Regional Commission
1666 Connecticut Ave., NW, 7th Fl.
Washington, DC 20009
Mike Kiernan
202-884-7770
Fax: 202-884-7691
crea@arc.gov
http://www.arc.gov/infopubs/appalach/pastlst.html
Area Served: Appalachian region
Journal of the Appalachian Regional Commission. Covers topics relating to economic development and educational improvement in the 13 Appalachian states and related features of Appalachian life. Published 3 times/year.

Appalachian Journal
Appalachian State University
Belk Library
Boone, NC 28608
Sandra L. Ballard, editor
828-262-4072
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ballardsl@appstate.edu
Regional studies review of research, essays, criticism, interviews, and reviews about Appalachian history, culture, politics, education, literature, music, and folklore. Published quarterly.

Comparative Education
Carfax Publishing Co.
P.O. Box 25
Abingdon, Oxfordshire UK
Patricia Broadfoot, editor
440-125-6813000
Fax: 440-125-6330245
sales@carfax.co.uk
http://www.carfax.co.uk

Area Served: International

Analyzes significant educational problems and trends throughout the world. Considers the implications of comparative studies for the formation and implementation of public policy, not only in education, but also in social, national, and international development. Published quarterly.

Comparative Education Review

Graduate School of Education & Information Studies
University of California at Los Angeles
Box 951521, Moore Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90005
John N. Hawkins, editor
310-206-6203
Fax: 310-206-4460
cer@ucla.edu
http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/CER
Area Served: International

Journal of the Comparative and International Education Society. Investigates education throughout the world and the social, economic, and political forces that help to shape it. Advances knowledge and teaching in comparative education studies. Published quarterly by the University of Chicago Press, P.O. Box 37005, Chicago, IL 60637, email: subscriptions@journals.uchicago.edu

Echoes: The Northern Maine Journal of Rural Culture

Echoes Press, Inc.
P.O. Box 626
Caribou, ME 04736
Kathryn Olmstead, editor
207-498-8564

Examines rural America in transition. Focuses on positive values rooted in the past that have relevance to the present and the future. Stresses the knowledge of rural experiences that can help us live in a modern society, permanence in the midst of chaos, and the value of remembering our common roots. Published quarterly.

Education in Rural Australia

Faculty of Education
Charles Sturt University
P.O. Box 379
Darling Heights, Toowoomba, Queensland
Australia
Don Squires, executive editor
Fax: dsquires@csu.edu.au
http://www.pa.ash.org.au/spera/news.htm
Area Served: Australia

Journal of the Society for the Provision of Education in Rural Australia. Publishes articles, reports, reviews, and research that promote the development of education in rural Australia; disseminates innovative ideas, actions, programs, and policies in rural education; and provides a venue for sharing of information on rural education issues and program development. Published twice a year.

Education Policy Analysis Archives

College of Education
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85287
Gene V. Glass, editor
602-965-9644
Fax: glass@asu.edu
http://olam.ed.asu.edu/

Online professional journal in education features peer-viewed articles about education policy. Access and subscriptions are free. Web site offers both abstracts and full-length versions of all articles.

The Foxfire Magazine

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Mountain City, GA 30525
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http://www.foxfiremag.org

First school effort to use cultural heritage as a motivational force for learning. Students interview people from Appalachia about their lives, crafts, and way of life. Has recorded heritage of the Appalachian area for years. Published twice a year, produced by students at Rabun County High School, Tiger, Georgia.

Grassroots Development

Inter-American Foundation
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http://www.iaf.gov
Area Served: Latin America and Caribbean

Explores how development assistance can contribute more effectively to self-help efforts. Reports on how the poor in Latin America and the Caribbean organize and work to improve their lives. Draws primarily on the experience of the Inter-American Foundation (an independent federal government agency) and the groups that it assists. Free, published three times a year.

Great Plains Quarterly

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Publishes significant research and criticism on the geography, history, archaeology, culture, sociology, political science, economics, and agriculture of the Great Plains region of the United States and Canada. Contains a strong book review section.

Journal of Appalachian Studies

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Journal of the Appalachian Studies Association. Contains articles and book reviews from a variety of disciplines that address the history, culture, and development of Appalachia. Published semiannually.

Journal of Research in Rural Education

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Publishes results of educational research conducted in or relevant to rural settings. Published three times/year.

Now & Then: The Appalachian Magazine

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The NREA News

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Newsletter containing articles and short items pertaining to ongoing events and activities within the National Rural Education Association. Lists rural education meetings, conferences, and forums.

Rural America

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Reports the results of new rural research. Explains the meaning and application of research in rural banking, demography, industry, labor force, and poverty. Includes Rural Updates, snapshots of trends affecting rural communities. Published three times/year.

Rural Conditions and Trends

Economic Research Service
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http://www.ers.usda.gov/Prodsrvs/rept-rur.htm

Covers rural industry, rural socioeconomic conditions, rural federal programs, and development policies affecting rural areas. Published three times/year.

The Rural Educator

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Journal of the National Rural Education Association. Written for and by those involved in rural education and university faculty specializing in the area of rural education and development. Facilitates communication between university faculty and rural educators in public schools. Also provides up-to-date information to all readers with an interest in rural education and sustainable development. Published three times/year. Available by membership only.

Rural Policy Matters

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Newsletter of rural school and community action.

Rural Roots

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News, information, and commentary from the Rural School and Community Trust. Shares some of the incredible variety of place-based education work that is going on around the country.

The Rural Sociologist

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Forum for the exchange of views on matters of concern to the profession of rural sociology. Disseminates news to members of the Rural Sociological Society. Published quarterly.

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Journal of the Rural Sociological Society. Includes policy analyses, scholarly articles, theoretical essays, book reviews, and thought-provoking commentaries on various rural topics. Published quarterly.

Rural Special Education Quarterly

American Council on Rural Special Education (ACRES)
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The only national scholarly publication solely devoted to rural special education issues. Covers issues of concern to rural individuals with disabilities and rural special educators. Reviews relevant conferences, publications, and resources for rural special educators.

Scottish Educational Review

Scottish Council for Research in Education
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Area Served: Scotland

Published by the Scottish Council for Research in Education, an independent national body that provides research, evaluation, and training services under contract and expert gateways to educational research in Scotland.

Small Town

Small Towns Institute
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Contains perspectives from individual citizens, planners, governmental officials, business groups, and educators who share a common interest in enhancing the future of small communities. Published six times/year.

Social Forces

University of North Carolina Press
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Area Served: International

Highlights sociological inquiry but also explores realms shared with social psychology, anthropology, political science, history, and economics. Includes 11 to 14 articles, 25 to 30 full book reviews each issue. Widely circulated in more than 95 foreign countries.

SECTION 4
State and Territorial Government and Nongovernmental Organizations

ALABAMA

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Part of the land grant university system since 1914, with the mission of taking research-based knowledge and education to people throughout the state. Works to improve the quality of life for all residents in areas of agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth, youth-at-risk, community resource development, family, and consumer sciences.

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U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Helps rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics, and fire stations, and build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

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Area Served: AL

Provides demographic and economic data about Alabama and its counties. Housed by the Center for Business and Economic Research, which produces short-term forecasts of output, employment, wages, and personal income. Publishes reference works, newsletters, and monographs.

PACERS
Program for Rural Services and Research
University of Alabama
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Area Served: AL

Dedicated to practice-based school reform that sustains rural communities and improves schools. Focuses on a process of reflection and sharing among teachers, students, administrators, and community members and on hands-on, interdisciplinary projects that build on indigenous skills and resources. Recognizes the school as the most important institution in rural communities.

ALASKA

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Created by agencies and organizations that play a part in developing rural areas, including federal, state, local, and tribal governments and the nonprofit and for-profit sectors. Sets a statewide agenda of priorities and activities.

Alaska State Data Center
Census and Geographic Information Network
Alaska Department of Labor
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http://www.labor.state.ak.us/research/cgin/cen.htm

A cooperative effort between the U.S. Census Bureau and the Alaska Department of Labor to facilitate the collection, use, and delivery of census and other data. Provides assistance and data to users through an extensive network of affiliates and coordinating agencies.

Rural Student Services
University of Alaska, Fairbanks
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Area Served: AK

Provides quality services to Native and rural college students. Provides the connection to higher education in Alaska for rural students through academic advising and student support in the form of new student orientation courses, rural recruitment, and student advocacy.

ARIZONA

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Helps rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics, and fire stations, and build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

Arizona Small and/or Rural Schools Association
475 W. Valoro Dr.
Tucson, AZ 85737
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Area Served: AZ

Dedicated to improving the quality of education for school age children in small and/or rural school districts in Arizona.

Arizona State Data Center
Population Statistics Unit
Arizona Department of Economic Security
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Phoenix, AZ 85007
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popstats@de.state.az.us
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Produces official population estimates and projections for Arizona and its counties, cities, and towns. Lead agency for the Arizona State Data Center Program, a cooperative program with the U.S. Census Bureau to disseminate census data to Arizona residents.

ARKANSAS

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U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Helps rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics, and fire stations, and build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

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Area Served: AR

Focuses on academic and social advantages of rural schools. Promotes a closer relationship between educational groups with an interest in rural education. Provides a forum to discuss issues that affect rural schools in Arkansas. Strives for a more equitable distribution of state funds.

Arkansas State Data Center
Institute For Economic Advancement
University of Arkansas, Little Rock
2801 S. University
Little Rock, AR 72204
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Area Served: AR

Delivers census and other data to the public. Houses the Children's Research Center, a major source of information on Arkansas' children. Conducts and facilitates research on issues affecting children and families. Performs contract database management work for various state agencies and publishes reports.

CALIFORNIA

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Department of Finance
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Provides training and technical assistance in accessing and using census data for research, administration, planning, and decision making by the government, business community, university researchers, and other interested data users.

North Coast Rural Challenge Network
Mendocino Unified School District
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Area Served: Northern California

Collaborative network of rural school districts committed to improving education for all students and creating stronger communities. Demonstrates how school reform can contribute to and catalyze economic revitalization and stewardship of the environment while keeping needs of students as the driving force for all activity.

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Area Served: foothill areas in NV, Sierra and Yuba counties

Dedicated to supporting rural citizens who are passionate about the places in which they live. Committed to strengthening communities from within, with schools as focal points. Conducts various community development and community education projects.

COLORADO

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University-based, statewide outreach office for rural education programs and resources. Cosponsors an annual rural education conference in various states. Coordinates rural education teacher training projects within the academic teacher certification program and provides campus-wide opportunities for faculty to participate in programs and activities that support Colorado Schools.

Colorado Rural Development Office
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Lakewood, CO 80215
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Helps rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics, and

fire stations, and build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

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Created by agencies and organizations that play a part in developing rural areas, including federal, state, local, and tribal governments and the nonprofit and for-profit sectors. Sets a statewide agenda of priorities and activities.

Colorado State Data Center
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Provides training and technical assistance in accessing and using census data for research, administration, planning, and decision making by the government, business community, university researchers, and other interested data users.

University of Southern Colorado Library
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Area Served: Third Congressional District of Colorado

Supports teaching, learning, and research throughout the university community. Facilitates access to print and electronic collections, and provides technical assistance in the development of information literacy skills. Provides information services to students, faculty, and staff through material circulation, reference assistance, interlibrary loan, database searching, and library use instructions.

CONNECTICUT

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Connecticut Rural Development Council
Northwestern Connecticut Community-Technical College
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http://www.ruralct.org

Created by agencies and organizations that play a part in developing rural areas, including federal, state, local, and tribal governments and the nonprofit and for-profit sectors. Sets a statewide agenda of priorities and activities.

Connecticut State Data Center
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Provides training and technical assistance in accessing and using census data for research, admin-

istration, planning, and decision making by the government, business community, university researchers, and other interested data users.

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Helps rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics, and fire stations, and build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

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Provides training and technical assistance in accessing and using census data for research, administration, planning, and decision making by the government, business community, university researchers, and other interested data users.

Exceptional Children and Early Childhood
Delaware Department of Education
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Dover, DE 19903
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The Exceptional Children Group is responsible for ensuring a free, appropriate, public education for students with disabilities in the State of Delaware.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Florida State Data Center
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Tallahassee, FL 32399
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Provides training and technical assistance in accessing and using census data for research, administration, planning, and decision making by the government, business community, university researchers, and other interested data users.

GEORGIA

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Nonprofit coalition supporting grassroots organizing activities to improve public schools throughout rural Georgia. Strives to increase the capacity of community groups to advocate for local and state education reforms. Provides parents and grassroots leaders with advocacy skills training, written materials about student rights, technical assistance, networking opportunities, and ongoing support to address school problems.

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Finds links between rural education and rural development. Gives communities a viable way to meet the requirements of school-to-work and tech

prep by preparing young people to recognize and seize economic opportunities (and even create jobs and businesses) in own communities. Provides a means of applying skills and concepts learned in individual classrooms in a "real life" community simulation.

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Serves as a resource for personnel from Indiana rural and small schools and as an advocate for these

schools. Relates state initiatives, best practices, and school reform issues to the abilities (financially and efficient use of available personnel) of small and/or rural schools. Holds annual spring conference.

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Helps rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics, and fire stations, and build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

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Sponsors regional workshops for small schools and a week-long Small Schools Summer Institute for K-12 teachers, aides, administrators, and the public. Conducts special interest sessions at conferences of other educational organizations and publishes a quarterly newsletter.

Oregon State Data Center
Center for Population Research and Census
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Provides training and technical assistance in accessing and using census data for research, administration, planning, and decision making by the government, business community, university researchers, and other interested data users.

PENNSYLVANIA

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Bipartisan, bicameral legislative agency advising on rural policy within the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Promotes the vitality of rural and small communities by awarding grants; maintaining information on rural trends; publishing research; and sponsoring local, state, and national forums on rural issues.

Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools
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Provides a credible, collective voice for rural and small school districts in Pennsylvania, focusing on equity in public school funding and policy. Engages in research and networking. Offers workshops for rural and small school superintendents and aspiring superintendents.

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Helps rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics, and fire stations, and build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

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Pennsylvania's official source of population and economic statistics and services. Provides training, technical assistance, and publications related to accessing and using census data.

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Collects and publishes statistics on rural schools in Rhode Island as part of state accountability program.

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Promotes quality educational opportunities and experiences for all students from rural South Carolina communities which will enable them to live and compete in a global society.

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Brings schools and communities together to promote healthy and sustainable development of South Dakota's rural people, communities, and schools. Supports curricula grounded in the social and environmental place in which the students live, so that student growth works also toward the growth of the community.

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Assists with writing, administering, and evaluating grant proposals to support cooperative efforts between Tennessee Technological University and rural schools and communities in the state of Tennessee. Supports research in rural schools. Provides consultant services for instructional technology, middle school programming, curriculum development, school improvement, and other areas of need identified by participating schools.

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Aims to revitalize communities and create systemic school reform through policy reform, youth leadership training, and research and publishing. Focuses on community oral histories as a place-based instructional method. Recently partnered with the Kellogg Foundation's Managing Information with Rural America (MIRA) initiative. Publishes the quarterly *Llano Grande Journal*.

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Focuses on issues of importance to rural and small schools of Texas through conferences and research activities.

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Monitors legislative activities and supports legislation to help community schools provide high quality educational programs. Publishes newsletters and conducts conferences to provide news of the latest developments at the State Capitol. Provides full range of insurance programs and conducts annual summer workshops.

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A source of census data, census tract maps, and technical reports. Analyzes causes and implications of population change in Texas and other areas.

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Provides training and technical assistance in accessing and using census data. Offers over 40 social and economic indicators for every town in Vermont, as well as county and state level census data.

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Endeavors to establish a focus on the needs and concerns unique to education in a rural school division. Provides a forum for discussion and resolution of those needs and concerns, and presents a unified voice to promote rural education in Virginia.

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Develops official state and local population estimates and forecasts for use in the allocation of state and federal revenues. Develops forecasts of K-12 public schools, social and health services, criminal justice, and higher education enrollment and caseload use.

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Consortium of educational institutions, public service agencies, and citizens that acts as a catalyst for community improvement in Washington. Helps communities solve local problems; aids citizens in locating public resources, training, and informational materials; and assists educational institutions and public agencies in providing community and rural development services.

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Research-based service organization for small and rural schools in Washington state. Provides an increasingly important voice at the state level regarding education reform mandates and funding issues. Works in close cooperation with state education associations and legislative bodies on issues affecting rural and small schools throughout the state of Washington. Publishes newsletters and a Web site.

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Statewide organization of parents, educators, and other West Virginians committed to maintaining and improving small community schools. Works to change state education policy through a sustained grassroots movement that helps parents become full partners in the education system and creates a future in which children believe in themselves, value their communities, and receive the best possible public education. Publishes monthly newsletter.

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